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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE VOTING IN THE UN

1. AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY MEETING LAST NIGHT WITH MELO ANTUNES ON ECONOMIC AID (SEPTTEL NOTAL) I RAISED SUBJECT OF GOP'S POOR TRACK RECORD AT THE UN. TOLD MELO ANTUNES GOP LAST YEAR VOTED 69 TIMES WITH USSR AND ONLY 23 TIMES WITH USG. HE WINCED AND SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN KEEPING COUNT BUT THAT DID SHOW SOME IMBALANCE.

2. I TOLD HIM I WAS DISAPPOINTED BY PORTUGUESE VOTE ON ODIIOUS ARAB RESOLUTION DECLARING ZIONISM A FORM OF RACISM. HE INITIALLY SEEMED UNFAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUE BUT THEN RECALLED IT AND LISTENED QUIETLY WHILE I DESCRIBED OUR POSITION.

3. I TOLD HIM WE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO KOREA. HE CONFIRMED INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED TO US (LISBON 6183) THAT PORTUGAL WOULD VOTE WITH US ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BUT WOULD ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE AND PROCEDURAL RESOLUTIONS. TOLD HIM PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION IN THIS INSTANCE MIGHT WELL BE AS IMPORTANT AS SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTION. IF VOTE TURNS OUT TO BE CLOSE ON PROCEDURAL AS WE ANTICIPATED, I HOPED GOP WOULD SHOW SOME
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FLEXIBILITY AND BE PREPARED TO HELP US OUT. ANTUNES WAS

ESSENTIALLY NON-COMMITTAL BUT I HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT
GOP WOULD AT LEAST BE WILLING TO LISTEN TO US AGAIN WHETHER
VOTE ON PROCEDURAL MATTER IS CRUCIAL AND VOTE IS DELAYED.
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